

State of the County Address

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Durham County Government



How We Rank In The Top Ten Counties

		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	
		%'s	%'s	%'s	%'s	%'s	Amt. Inc/Dec in %
1	Buncombe County	98.69	98.89	98.90	99.15	99.13	-0.02
2	Durham County	98.06	98.23	98.50	98.74	98.87	0.13
3	Guilford County	98.73	98.65	98.79	98.63	98.42	-0.21
4	Wake County	98.81	98.87	98.83	98.68	98.33	-0.35
5	New Hanover County	98.12	98.33	98.45	98.27	98.25	-0.02
6	Forsyth County	98.11	98.00	98.26	98.23	98.18	-0.05
7	Mecklenburg County	98.68	97.32	97.27	97.52	97.56	0.04
8	Cumberland County	95.41	96.06	96.45	96.69	97.06	0.37
9	Onslow County	95.94	96.03	95.74	96.81	96.54	-0.27
10	Gaston County	94.89	95.09	95.25	95.52	95.75	0.23

Durham County achieved a record setting tax collection rate of 98.87%; the second highest collections rate among the state's 10 largest counties.

Financial Vitality

The Tax office customer service upgrades include the installation of two new tax payment kiosks at Northgate Mall and the tax office. The tax payment kiosk is the first of its kind in North Carolina.



Financial Vitality



Credit: Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau

Prior to the economic downturn, Durham County helped to facilitate an expansion of the Merck Pharmaceutical plant, and a new \$363 million IBM Data Services facility. The BOCC approved \$750,000 in economic incentives for the data center.

Health and Human Services

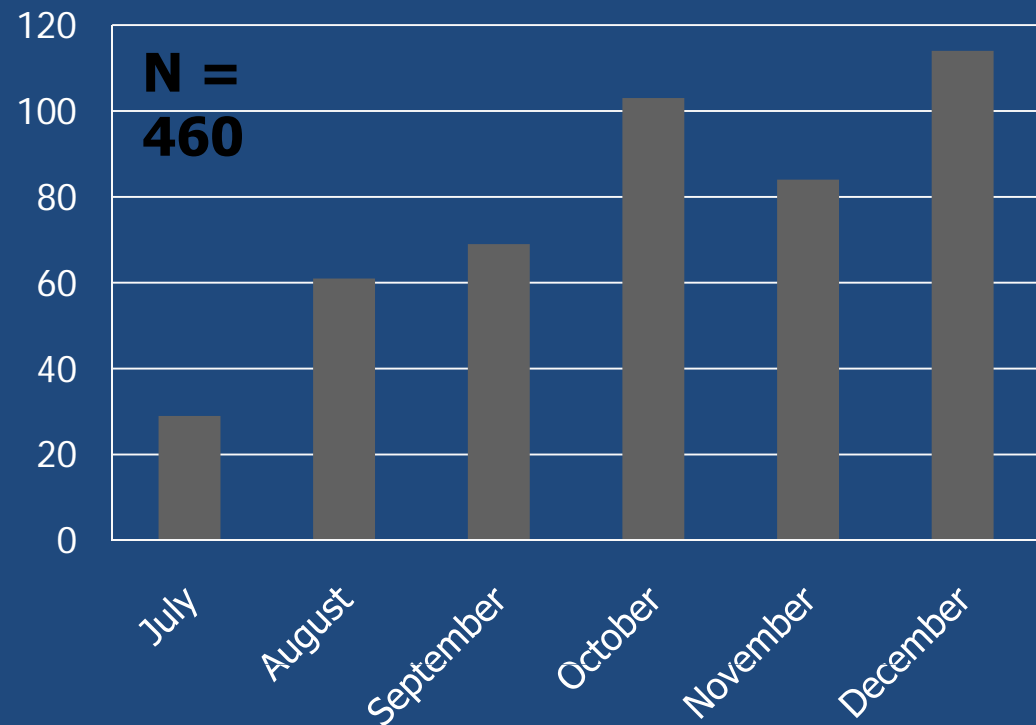


Health and Human Services

In July 2008, Durham County authorized \$488,594, in funding for Project Access Durham County to help uninsured Lincoln Community Health Center patients access specialty care free of charge.

PADC Enrollment By Month

July 1 – December 31, 2008



Health and Human Services



The Durham Center opened a new state-of-the-art, 16-bed healthcare facility in July to provide effective, community based treatment and services to citizens in mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse crisis.



Health and Human Services

2008 Ralph W. Ketner
Employee Productivity Award Winner

SAM HAITHCOCK

*Foster Care Guardianship Assistance
and Support Program*

Durham County



**Durham County
DSS received a
Ketner Award
from the North
Carolina
Association of
County
Commissioners
for their Foster
Care
Guardianship
Assistance and
Support Program.**

Capital Improvement Projects



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Fayetteville Street Elementary



Lowes Grove Middle School

Capital Improvement Projects

Durham School of the Arts



Spring Valley Elementary



Capital Improvement Projects

Groundbreaking ceremony for the new South Regional Library



Sustainability



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In October, Durham's Sustainability Division hosted its first-ever energy fair for employees and the public to display how energy can be conserved.

Sustainability



BOCC approved increased funding for employee bus passes to help encourage the use of mass transit and sustainability practices.

Sustainability



Durham County purchased the Hollow Rock access area, a 41 acre tract, from Duke University.



More than 105 acres of permanent open space has been protected as part of this regional collaboration located in Durham and Orange counties.

Durham County Employees

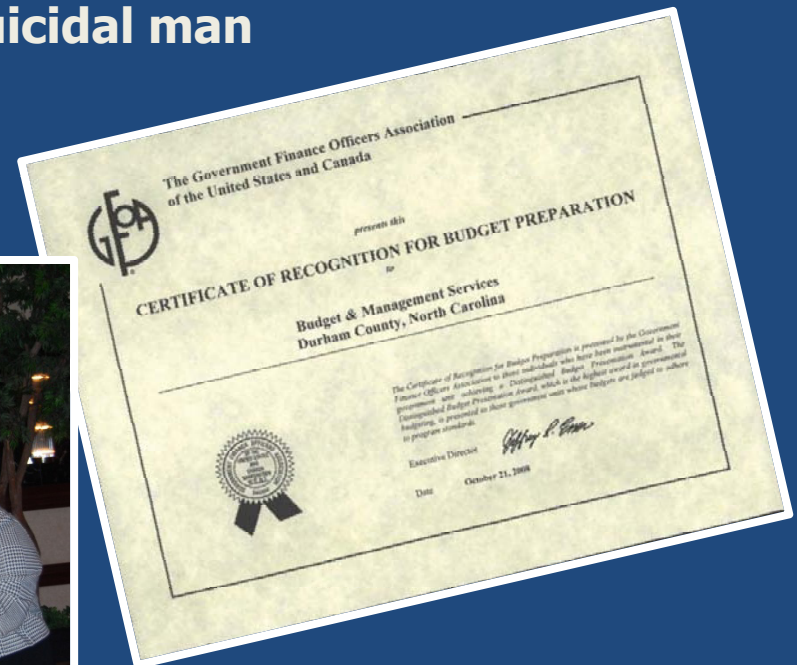


Durham County Employees



Two Deputy Sheriff's helped to save the life of a suicidal man

Director of Durham Soil and Water Conservation District received Employee of the Year Award



Budget and Management Services secures the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fifth consecutive year

Economic Downturn Impacts Durham

Durham County will work collaboratively with elected leaders at the federal and state level to take advantage of funding opportunities for community programs.



Credit: Chuck Young and Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau



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Mission of Durham County Government



To enhance the quality of life for its citizens by providing education, safety and security, health and human services; economic development and cultural and recreational resources

BOCC Remains Committed to County's Mission



New BOCC has started to draw out priorities in the face of current economic conditions.

Common Goals of BOCC

- **Provide quality services while maintaining fiscal responsibility.**
- **Maintain focus on youth by making investments in programs yield success.**
- **Maintain focus on economic development, support job training and pursue relevant partnerships. Help to reduce the poverty rate by promoting financial literacy and home ownership.**
- **Take steps to avoid a tax increase in the next fiscal year.**

Commissioners Community Circle Award

BOCC will implement a new initiative designed to recognize the work of community groups that go above and beyond to promote positive achievements in the Durham Community.

DURHAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COMMISSIONERS COMMUNITY CIRCLE
AWARD

IN RECOGNITION OF

ORGANIZATION NAME

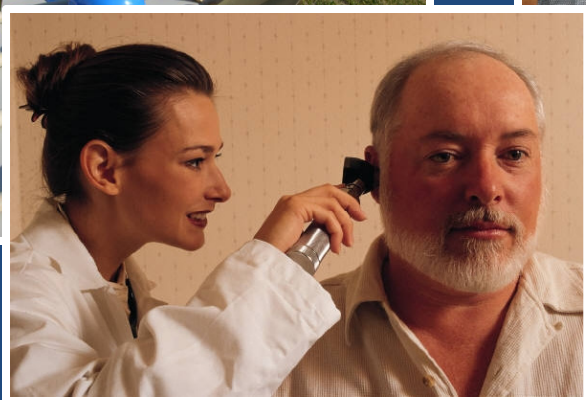
FOR GREAT COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO
DURHAM COUNTY CITIZENS

THE ABOVE ORGANIZATION HAS DISPLAYED AN OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE CITIZENS
DURHAM COUNTY AND TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

MONTH DAY YEAR / CITY, STATE
DATE / PLACE

Michael D. Page
MICHAEL D. PAGE, CHAIRMAN





Thank You
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